

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re the application of: | Hogan <i>et al.</i> | Docket: | TI-28996.1 |
| Appln. No.: | TBD | Examiner: | TBD |
| Filed: | Herewith | Art Unit: | TBD |
| For: | Method for Improving Ash Rate Uniformity in Photoresist Ashing Process Equipment | | |

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

July 17, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Applicants would like to bring to your attention that the provisional application was originally filed with duplicate informal drawing sheets for Figs. 2a and 2b. Therefore, the divisional application filed herewith is an exact copy of the provisional application containing duplicate informal drawing sheets for Figs. 2a and 2b. The formal drawings addressed to the Official Draftsperson herewith are correct.